Foodgrains provided under "Food for Work" Programme

†*16. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to continue the "Food for Work" programme;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the number of States to whom foodgrains have been provided free of cost so far?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) A new poverty alleviation programme, National Food for Work Programme (NEFWP) has been launched from the month of November 2004 in 150 most backward Districts of the Country to generate supplementary wage employment with food security. All the States except Goa have been covered under the programme. The programme is being implemented as a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Foodgrains to the States under the programme are free of cost. For the current year, Rs. 2020 crores have been allocated for the Scheme in addition of 20 lakh tonnes of foodgrains. The State-wise allocation of funds and foodgrains is at Statement. [Refer to the Statement's appended to Starred Question No. 14]

Migration from rural areas to cities

*17. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of migration of rural people to cities seeking better living conditions;

(b) if so, whether the percentage of such migration during the last decade has came down or gone up; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring down this migration to cities?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) While rural to urban migration is a

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